

## **Chelan-Douglas Health District**

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## Increase in COVID-19 Cases

**East Wenatchee, WA –** Chelan-Douglas Health District (CDHD) is announcing an increase in COVID-19 cases and highly encourages general COVID-19 precautions be taken during current surge.

As expected, summer activities including the Fourth of July holiday, have contributed to the already-steady increase of COVID-19 cases throughout Chelan and Douglas counties. Our current 14 day rate is 428 cases per 100,000 individuals, which is a low estimate of transmission due to at home tests and reduced COVID-19 surveillance during the summer.

We are currently seeing an increase in COVID-19 related hospitalizations in Washington State among vulnerable populations and are monitoring hospitalizations locally.

Public health encourages everyone to take the following precautions and help keep each other safe:

- Wear a mask in public when possible
- Wash hands often or use hand-sanitizer
- Maintain your distance around others in public
- Get vaccinated and/or boosted
- Follow DOH Guidelines if you were potentially exposed to or test positive for COVID-19
- Report home test results to 1-800-525-0127 for access to COVID-19 Care Connect Services
- Eat well and stay hydrated!

CDHD continues to offer COVID-19 testing every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Town Toyota Center in Wenatchee for anyone who believes they were exposed to COVID-19 or are experiencing COVID-like symptoms. No appointment is necessary.

FREE at-home COVID-19 test kits are available at various locations throughout Chelan and Douglas counties. Visit <a href="https://www.cdhd.wa.gov/covid-19#testing">https://www.cdhd.wa.gov/covid-19#testing</a> for a list of COVID-19 home test kit distribution locations. To report a positive at-home COVID-19 test result and access care services, please call the Washington State COVID Hotline at 1-800-525-0127. Language assistance is available.

COVID-19 vaccines continue to be the best protection against the virus. CDHD would like to remind the public that there are a number of local vaccine providers throughout Chelan and Douglas counties. Visit https://www.cdhd.wa.gov/covid-19#vaccine for a list of local vaccine providers.

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